



CEER History Timeline (2000-2025)

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) was founded in 2000 as a voluntary association of energy regulators. Over the past 25 years, CEER has played a crucial role in shaping European energy market liberalisation, consumer protection, regulatory best practices, and the transition towards a sustainable energy future.

2000

Founding of CEER & Early Market Liberalisation



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The EU begins liberalising national energy markets with the First Energy Package (adopted between 1996 and 1998), introducing first steps towards competition in electricity and gas markets.

CEER is established as a voluntary association of independent energy regulators. Ten national regulatory authorities sign a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance cooperation, promote market integration, and improve regulatory practices.

The Second Energy Package allows industrial and domestic consumers to choose their energy suppliers.

CEER formally becomes a non-profit association under Belgian law and establishes its first permanent Secretariat in Brussels.

The European Regulators Group for Electricity and Gas (ERGEG) is created to coordinate regulatory efforts, supporting Internal Energy Market completion.

2003

Institutional Strengthening & Energy Market Liberalisation

2004

Expansion & Regulatory Milestones

EU enlargement aligns new Member States with energy market rules, reinforcing liberalisation.

CEER expands by welcoming eleven new members, strengthening regulatory cooperation.

Unbundling rules for transmission operators gain prominence to ensure fair competition. CEER supports unbundling discussions and strengthens advocacy efforts to safeguard consumers.

2006

Market Unbundling & Consumer Protection

2009

The Third Energy Package & Regulatory Evolution

The Third Energy Package introduces reinforced rules on unbundling of energy supply and transmission, establishes certification obligation of TSOs, strengthens independent regulators, establishes ACER, and creates ENTSO-E & ENTSG.

CEER contributes to ACER's establishment, reinforces regulatory coordination, and plays a key role in shaping the Third Energy Package.

CEER becomes one of the founding members of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) to enhance global energy market integration.

The EU introduces market integrity regulation to prevent manipulation in energy trading.

CEER pilots a transparency initiative, shaping REMIT development.

2010

Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT)

2011

ACER's Full Operation & Consumer Rights Expansion

The Energy Efficiency Directive is adopted. CEER & ACER publish the first Market Monitoring Report.

CEER & BEUC develop the "2020 Vision for Europe's Energy Customers" (reliability, affordability, simplicity, protection & empowerment).

The Gas Target Model, developed by CEER and endorsed at the Madrid Forum, provides a framework for competitive wholesale market development.

ERGEG dissolves, and ACER becomes operational.

CEER shifts focus to consumer rights, sustainability, and regulatory best practices.

CEER wins the Energy Transparency Award for its "Energy Trade Data Reporting Scheme."

CEER invites national regulatory authorities from EFTA and EU accession countries as Observers, supporting EU market integration.

2012

Energy Efficiency & Market Monitoring

2013

Consumer Engagement & Rebranding



The EU sets 2014 as the deadline for full energy market integration.

The Ukraine crisis leads to the European Energy Security Strategy (EESS).

CEER contributes to the EESS, advocating for diversification and infrastructure investments.

CEER Training Academy is established.

CEER unveils a new logo symbolising its commitment to energy markets and consumer empowerment.

A dedicated energy customer section on CEER's website provides accessible consumer information.

2014

Internal Energy Market Completion & Energy Union

The EU launches legislative reforms for modernizing the electricity market, improving renewable energy integration and strengthening consumer rights.

CEER updates guidelines for comparison tools and identifies barriers to consumer switching of energy providers.

The Energy Union Strategy reinforces market integration, security, and efficiency; gas security of supply (SoS) becomes a top EU priority.

CEER releases a Gas SoS Concept Paper and a Storage Vision Paper, outlining regulatory options for enhancing flexibility and resilience in gas markets.

2015

Energy Union Strategy & Gas Security

2016

Launch of the legislative initiative for the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package

2017

PEER Initiative & Consumer Integration

CEER signs agreements with ECRB and MEDREG to enhance regulatory cooperation.

CEER launches the Partnership for the Enforcement of European Rights (PEER) to strengthen consumer protection across sectors.

2018

Regulatory Cooperation

CEP focuses on retail competition, renewables, and efficiency.

CEER launches its 3D Strategy (Digitalisation, Decarbonisation & Dynamic Regulation).

2019

Adoption of the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package (CEP) & CEER 3D Strategy

The pandemic disrupts energy demand, highlighting market resilience needs.

The European Green Deal reinforces EU climate neutrality goals.

CEER & BEUC launch the "2030 Vision for Energy Consumers" ("ASPIRE": Affordability, Simplicity, Protection, Inclusiveness, Reliability, Empowerment).
CEER celebrates its 20th anniversary.

2020

COVID-19 & Consumer Empowerment



2022

Energy Crisis & Market Resilience

The EU proposes reforms for price stability, power purchase agreements, and renewable integration.

CEER contributes to regulatory frameworks for hydrogen, retail competition, and digitalisation.

2023

Electricity Market Design Reform & Consumer Empowerment

2024

Fit For 55 & Electricity Market Design Reform & the Hydrogen and Gas Decarbonisation Package

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The EU reviews energy market regulations to ensure affordability and sustainability.

CEER celebrates 25 years of regulatory leadership and contributions to European energy markets.

2025

CEER's 25th Anniversary

Celebrating
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